



ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS



Marston Vale Jubilee Walk BWF PT No 274

START & FINISH: The Forest Centre, Station Road, Marston Moretaine, Bedford
MK43 0PR

OS map 153 Grid Ref TL005417 Distance 11km

Fee £1.00 (€2,00 cash only)

Route last updated on 30 December 2016

This route description is valid from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017

This walk has been established by members of the Ise Valley Vagabonds Walking Club (BWF Club No 70) and is a qualifying event in the IVV award scheme. It can be walked at any time.

NOTE – *This walk involves crossing fields of Bedfordshire clay, which can be extremely muddy in the winter months and after heavy and/or prolonged rain. The bridleway along the top of Marston Thrift can be very muddy at times, even in the summer.*

The route is partially waymarked 'Jubilee Way'. A leaflet and map may be downloaded free from www.marstonvale.org/paths-4-communities

The Forest Centre car park is locked up at 18.00 hours on Mondays to Fridays and at 17.00 hours on Saturdays and Sundays.

With the entrance to the Forest Centre behind you, turn right passing the cycle hire building to reach the circular 'Node'. Turn left along gravel path then fork right, signposted 'Marston Moretaine (Bedford Road)' and ahead on gravel track. Continue ahead over brook. Follow gravel path to go around right hand bend, signposted 'Stewartby 2.8k' to reach wooden fences at brook. Turn left over wooden bridge and ahead to road at entrance to Allen Court. Cross road to 'Lounge India' (*former pub*), then turn right to Lower Shelton Road. Turn left along road and at end turn left to reach underpass.

QUESTION 1. FROM WHICH FAMILY IS THE 4th CHARACTER ON THE LEFT?

Ahead through underpass and continue to reach road where turn left, again on Lower Shelton Road. As road turns right at house number 119, turn left on footpath and ahead to metal kissing gate. **Do not go through but** turn right between fence and rear of houses/gardens. Ignore next metal kissing gate then, at yellow topped post, turn left, still behind houses/gardens to emerge into field.

Go straight ahead across field to pass to the left of the lone tree, to reach a marker post near the left hand end of hedge. Turn left, then right around end of hedge and ahead with hedge on your right. At plank bridge/pylon on your right, go half left across field to end of hedge line. Go straight on, with hedge on your left. At waymarker post/plank bridge on your left, turn left across bridge then diagonally right across next field to go unmarked gap in hedge and across another bridge. Go slightly right across second field to large gap in hedge / track. Turn left on grass

track then turn right through gap into field. Turn half left, uphill, to reach road at houses.

CARE – do **not** step straight out into road as there is a blind bend to your right.

Stop and look then cross road **WITH CARE** and turn right along grass then turn left along bridleway, signed 'Rectory Wood', next to Hill House.

Follow bridleway to emerge into field, where turn right, uphill, with tree line on your right. Through gap and ahead along top of next field to reach and pass farm, continuing along top of ridge (*this is Hunger Hill*) to reach wood (*this is Marston Thrift*). Turn right through gap then turn left and stay on bridleway with wood on your left and wire fence on your right (**this can be very muddy along here**). Keep straight on with wooden fence on your left to reach open area on the right at Rectory Wood sign.

QUESTION 2. WHAT IS BEING CREATED?

Straight on, keeping wood on your left and go downhill to reach and continue along gravel track. Keep wood on your left to reach metal kissing gate/gravel track. Go through gate and ahead to track junction. Turn left, signposted 'M.Moretaine 2', and follow gravel track around to left, also signposted 'M.Moretaine'. Stay on track through trees (*National Cycleway 51*) until you reach a car park.

QUESTION 3. (ON REVERSE OF NOTICE BOARD) WHAT IS NAME OF THE TRAIL?

At far end of car park, turn right on tarmac track to pass yellow barrier and go over low bridge. Immediately turn left along edge of field, with trees on your left, heading towards main road. As you approach the main road, turn left and walk parallel to it. Continue ahead along tarmac lane then turn right over road bridge. 25 metres after bridge, at Public Bridleway sign, turn right on tarmac lane and follow to go through gate and ahead on grass track to go through gap in hedge. Turn left on track between trees to reach road.

QUESTION 4. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE ATV & UTV SPECIALISTS?

Ignore road to right and go straight on along road, passing houses. At left hand bend, go straight on along bridleway to reach and cross road **WITH CARE**. Go through old wooden gate and ahead on old tarmac road. Go past metal gate and bus stop then straight ahead to reach road.

Continue ahead along pavement into Marston Moretaine. Cross Denton Drive then immediately after grass area, at 'Village Green Care Home' (*former school*), turn right across road and ahead along The Green to reach church.

QUESTION 5. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE CHURCH?

Go through iron gates into churchyard and follow tarmac path to the right of the church. Exit churchyard, straight over tarmac cross track, and ahead on tarmac path to go between houses and reach road. Cross road half right and enter the Country Park. At marker post, turn left on gravel track, joining the Timberland Trail. Continue

on the cycle/pedestrian trail, over the park access road and then to the right to return, in 700 metres, to the Forest Centre, the end of this walk.

The Forest Centre has a café where you can get snacks or a meal and it also sells alcohol. There is also free wi-fi access.

We hope you have enjoyed the walk

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They are all qualifying events towards the IVV award scheme. Further information about these walks, the IVV, the club and all its activities can be found by visiting our Web Site www.vagabonds.org.uk

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**ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS
PERMANENT TRAIL REGISTRATION FORM**

TRAIL	Marston Vale Jubilee Walk	2017/1
ROUTE UPDATED	30 December 2016	
DATE WALKED		
NAME		
ADDRESS		
TEL		
EMAIL		
ADDITIONAL WALKERS		
ENTRY FEE	___ Walkers @ £1.00 (€2,00) each	Total £
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED		£
Please put my IVV stamps on a new set of Insert cards Yes/No		
ANSWERS		
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Comments		
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<p>Please enclose a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE (at least C6 (114 x 162mm) or DL (110 x 220mm)) with this form and send it to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carol Jones 138 Rushden Road Wymington Rushden Northants NN10 9LE</p>		